

ANEQ divides over politics; dissidents plan conference

by Helena Lamed

Dissatisfaction with the leadership of l'Association Nationale des Etudiants du Québec (ANEQ) has surfaced among a large group of disgruntled students within that organization.

Militant students from the Université de Montréal (UdeM), Concordia University, Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), and several CEGEPs in the province voiced their opposition to ANEQ's executive council at a congress held last weekend in Ste. Anne de la Pocquatière.

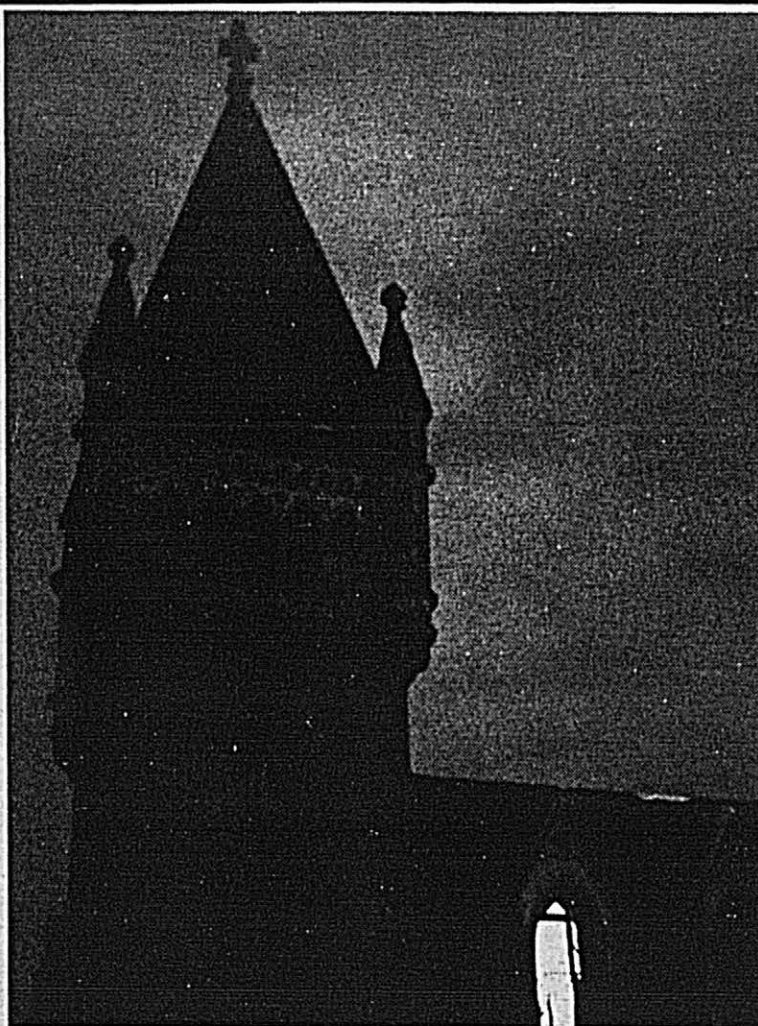
The dissident students have organized a conference to discuss alternative directions for ANEQ. The conference will be held at the Université de Montréal in two weeks. The executive of ANEQ has been invited to attend and participate, but because they oppose the very holding of the conference, they have refused to attend.

According to one of the organizers of the planned conference, the ANEQ leadership resents any interference with the hierarchy of the organization: "ANEQ is at the moment too bureaucratic. Directives are issued from the top and carried out by members at the bottom. This conference will present an initiative at the base to discuss the problems of Quebec students and redirect the Association."

Topics to be discussed at the conference include the conflict in sociology at the U de M campus last fall, the MUCTC fare hike, the role of Anglophone students in ANEQ, and the basic structure of student education in Quebec.

The leadership of ANEQ is apparently affiliated with the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) or CPC (ML), and many of the militant students seem to resent the single-line attitude of direction which they believe has evolved. A spokesperson for the U de M conference organizers said they want to encourage members of all opinions to participate actively in ANEQ: "We are working for the democracy in ANEQ. This is only the beginning. We have had experience in organizing students in the sociology conflict and the opposition to the MUCTC fare hike."

Internal political friction within ANEQ is not new. During the recent congress, a CPC (ML)-backed resolution that the National Union of Students "be totally destroyed," came under severe criticism. The stated policy of ANEQ has been to participate with NUS and other regional and provincial student organizations in talks aimed at restructuring and strengthening a national student union. The CPC (ML) faction in ANEQ apparently wants another form



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of national union established.

Another incident between rival ANEQ factions was brought to light in a letter to Volume 58 (U de M) from students at UQAM. They claimed that during a January organizational meeting of ANEQ, a member of CPC (ML) threatened to "casser les deux jambes" of one of the delegates from UQAM.

However the spokesperson for the U de M conference added that opposition to the present

ANEQ direction was not necessarily a head-on confrontation between the CPC (ML) and the Trotskyist Groupe Marxiste Revolutionnaire.

"Although there are some Trotskyists among us," he said, "we simply do not want leadership for leadership's sake—We have ideas to offer all the members of ANEQ about the direction of the organization and we want them to present their own."

Moncton students occupy over loan policy

FREDERICTON (CUP) — Since January 28, about 600 students, mostly from the Université de Moncton and area high schools, have occupied the Centennial Building here, the seat of the provincial government, demanding improvements in the province's student aid program.

The occupation began a week after an earlier occupation attempt fizzled in face of government intransigence. Students from the U de M participated in that attempt, but left when the other students abandoned the occupation the same way it began.

When they got back to Moncton they called a general meeting at which it was decided to organize for an occupation. Committees were established, logistical planning began, and by mid-week the students were en route to Fredericton.

The U de M students' demands are the same as those

advanced by the previous week's demonstration on student aid policy, a reduction in the loan ceiling before bursaries from \$1800 per year to \$900 per year, and increases in living and other allowances.

The students are occupying the lobby of the building, directly below the offices of the NB Premier Richard Hatfield. Hatfield emerged about 5 o'clock the first day of the occupation, and read a prepared speech in French rejecting the student demands, and claiming that no changes could be made in the aid program until federal legislation is changed in 1977.

The students rejected Hatfield's position and told him they would stay until their demands had been met. The students appointed a negotiating committee to meet with Hatfield and Youth Minister J.P. Ouellette. Meetings were held that evening and the following day, but no progress was reported.

In those meetings the government reiterated its position that changes in the program cannot be made until 1977, while the students maintain that changes must be made effective September 1976.

The \$400 a day in food and other materials necessary to sustain the students has been provided so far by the Université de Moncton Student Union, the National Union of Students (NUS), the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS), and most recently by students at the University of New Brunswick. The Moncton students have also received telegrams of support from the British Columbia Student Federation, ANEQ, and the Student Union of the University of Saskatchewan at Regina who, at press time, were in emergency caucus to decide whether funds could be provided.

The occupation has achieved almost universal support among Université de Moncton

students and faculty, and among high school students in the Moncton area. On January 28, the U de M faculty decided to cancel classes "indefinitely" to support the occupation.

There has been little support, however, from the students of the University of New Brunswick. Observers say this is partly due to the conservative politics and history of UNB, as well as the inexperience of the UNB student leadership in alerting students to what is going on.

The students in the lobby are reported to be in high spirits, and are passing the time reading, singing and discussing. The organization has been described as excellent, with strike centres having been set up, courier service between Moncton and Fredericton operating smoothly, and even film and tape units being present to record events.

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SAVED!

Well, folks, a little by way of explanation is in order. Monday's inclement weather prevented that day's paper from being distributed on campus until late yesterday afternoon, and delayed this issue until now. So included in this Tuesday "Snow Daily" is the regular Wednesday appearance of the Weekly. You'll find Monday's Daily, including coverage of the University's new chancellor, C.F. Harrington, right alongside this special snowstorm issue. Our apologies to readers and advertisers.

INTERIM POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Very important IPC meeting this Thursday at 4 pm in Union 327. All members are urged to attend. If you can't make it inform the Students' Society office of your replacement.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The conference on Women in Political Action and Organizing begins tonight and runs through Friday night. All sessions will be held in the Palmer Howard Theatre of the McIntyre Medical Building, 1200 Pine Ave. W. They will start at 7 pm, not at 7:30 as was reported in the Women's Collective Press.

today

Gay McGill:

Meeting at 7:30 pm in Union 123. Business to include discussion of dances and coffee houses, setting up of regular office hours, and our new library. Everyone welcome, please attend.

Medieval Drama Society:

Auditions will be held today in Union 123 from 12-2 pm for Johan Johan, a comedy. If you are interested in working on the production please drop by. For info, 392-4483.

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